

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

## BUTTE SILVERBOW WATER DEPARTMENT

### Did Not Meet Treatment Requirements

#### TIER 2 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION – FAILURE TO FILTER

Our water system has violated a drinking water standard. Although this situation does not require that you take immediate action, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

On August 18, 2010 the Montana Department of Environmental Quality ordered us to filter the water in accordance with ARM 17.38.208 in addition to disinfecting. We have not yet installed filtration to meet this treatment technique requirement.

#### What should I do?

- X **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.
- X People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

#### What does this mean?

This situation does not require that you take immediate action. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. We do not know of any cases of contamination. However, until improvements are made, there is an increased chance that disease-causing organisms could contaminate the water supply.

*Inadequately treated water may contain disease-causing organisms. These organisms include bacteria, viruses, and parasites which can cause symptoms such as nausea, cramps, diarrhea, and associated headaches.*

These symptoms, however, are not caused only by organisms in drinking water, but also by other factors. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice.

#### What happened? What is being done?

Our treatment plant requires upgrades to meet the requirements. Plans have been submitted for approval and installation of filtration treatment is forthcoming.

Until filtration is installed, you will receive a notice similar to this every three months.

For more information, please contact Rick Larson at 406-497-6518 or at 126 W Granite, Butte MT, 59701.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by Butte Silverbow Water Department

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